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SUBJECT: PRESS BRIEFING, LIBYAN OIL
REF: STATE 175820

1. SEPT 12 WASHINGTON POST CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY ALLEGING THAT A GROUP OF MAJOR AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES ARE CONDUCTING A "SECRET BUT INTENSE" LOBBYING CAMPAIGN FOR STRONG US COUNTERPRESSURES--INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF BOYCOTT ACTION--AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AT NOON BRIEFING SEPT 12, DEPT SPOKESMAN STATED "I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING MORE IN THE WAY OF COMMENT TO OFFER YOU ON THE LIBYAN NATIONALIZATION THAN WHAT I OFFERED ON, I THINK, SEPTEMBER 4. AT THAT TIME I DID INDICATE THAT WE HAD BEEN AND WOULD BE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. WE HAVE CONTINUED ON THAT COURSE, INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OIL COMPANIES, AND OTHERS." SPOKESMAN SAID MR. MCCLOY AND REPS OF OIL COMPANIES HAD MET SENIOR DEPT OFFICIALS, BUT DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON WHAT ACTION USG MIGHT TAKE. RUSH

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